

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.20062 OF 2005

DATED:12.9.2005

Between:

N. Mohan, S/o.Natarajan,

R/o.No.43, II Street, Meenambal Nagar,

Chennai

...Petitioner

And

Divisional Forest Officer, Tirupati, Chittoor District

and others

...Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner is owner of light motor vehicle bearing No.TN02 D 3915 Tata 407 (make) model. The said vehicle was seized by forest officials of Tirupati range when it was allegedly parked in the vehicles stand. It appears, the petitioner made a representation through his Lawyer on 25.6.2005 to first respondent for release of the vehicle, in vain. Therefore, present Writ Petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in not completing the enquiry is illegal and arbitrary.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forests does not deny that proceedings

are still pending before first respondent.

Therefore, petitioner may approach first respondent with a copy of this order for release of the vehicle, pending confiscation proceedings. Further, first respondent is directed to dispose of confiscation proceedings within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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(V.V.S.RAO, J)

12.9.2005

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